



To: Indiana Housing Finance Authority Board of Directors  
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Re: HOME Administrative Subrecipient Agreements

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Periodically, IHFA receives proposals from not-for-profit organizations or public agencies to serve as a subrecipient to IHFA in administering a portion of the State's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) activities.

In general, these activities have a statewide impact and serve to further the Authority's efforts in one or more of the following areas:

- General management, oversight, and coordination of the HOME program
- Providing public information to residents and citizen organizations participating in the planning, implementation, or assessment of projects being assisted with HOME funds
- Affirmatively furthering fair housing
- Compiling data in preparation for the State Consolidated Plan
- Complying with other Federal requirements such as affirmative marketing; minority outreach; environmental review; displacement, relocation, and acquisition; labor standards; lead-based paint; and conflicts of interest

In October, we received three requests for \$549,413.11 in HOME administrative funds. Staff respectfully recommends funding the following three proposals as HOME subrecipient awards totalling \$189,694.00.

HOME Funds Requested:	\$9,500.00
<b>HOME Funds Recommended</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

Subrecipient Activity:	Indiana Lead-Safe Conference
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EMI serves as project facilitator for the Improving Kids' Environment Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force. The Task Force was established in September 1999. Its purpose is to advance lead poisoning prevention issues in Indiana by bringing together a diverse group of individuals including health departments, housing authorities, landlords, and risk inspectors. The Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and IHFA are all active participants in the Task Force.

EMI proposes to ensure that organizations, especially housing authorities and health departments, that are affected by HUD's new lead rule understand their responsibilities and develop strategies to comply with the rule. Specific goals include the following:

- Offering a one-day statewide Lead-Safe Indiana conference targeted at health departments, housing authorities, and lead risk assessors.
- Holding quarterly Task Force meetings to discuss poisoning prevention efforts consistent with the HUD lead regulations.
- Communicating with housing authorities via e-mail or fax notices to raise awareness of responsibilities under the new HUD rule.
- Meeting with organizations throughout Indiana to explain lead requirements and assist in the development of successful compliance strategies.

Staff recommends that we provide HOME funds to partner with EMI on the statewide Lead-Safe Indiana conference, which is anticipated to be held during the second quarter of 2001.

HOME Funds Requested:	\$382,413.11
<b>HOME Funds Recommended</b>	<b>\$101,309.00</b>

Subrecipient Activity:	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
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ICRC is the State agency primarily responsible for the Indiana Fair Housing Task Force. Through the Fair Housing Task Force, ICRC proposes to undertake activities to address specific action items identified within the State's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, Updated Action Plan 2000. The Analysis of Impediments is a report that is required by HUD as a component of the State Consolidated Plan process - a requirement for receipt of Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding.

ICRC has requested HOME funding to implement statewide activities to help alleviate the effects of housing discrimination in Indiana. The agency proposes to affirmatively further fair housing by:

- Increasing awareness of existing fair housing rights, responsibilities, and enforcement procedures for minority and special needs consumers and for those who provide housing services.
- Increasing the efforts of the Task Force by recruiting members from non-entitlement communities and under-represented segments of the housing industry.
- Enhancing the tester program by recruiting testers, conducting tester training, and increasing the number of tests conducted annually.
- Improving fair housing intra/inter agency coordination by providing the Consolidated Plan Coordinating Committee with Task Force activity updates and by working closely with the Committee to ensure coordination of activities.

The ICRC proposal requests HOME funding over a three-year timeframe. Staff recommends approval of this request for one year at the level indicated above.

HOME Funds Requested:	\$157,500.00
<b>HOME Funds Recommended</b>	<b>\$79,385.00</b>

Subrecipient Activity:	Statewide Continuum of Care
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ICHHI is a statewide association dedicated to the right of all Indiana citizens to safe, decent, and affordable housing and necessary supportive services. The Coalition acts as a unifying entity for community-based organizations, assisting individuals and local organizations in development of affordable housing and supportive service programs and strategies.

In the mid-1990s, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) introduced the concept of the homeless Continuum of Care, a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness. HUD has made McKinney Act funds available to states and local communities to support projects meeting needs identified in their Continuums. Additionally, a statewide comprehensive Continuum of Care includes information pertinent to addressing special needs populations within the State Consolidated Plan, as required by HUD.

In 1998, Indiana developed its first Continuum of Care and successfully applied for nearly \$4.5 million in funding for 13 homeless projects. In 1999, the State updated the Continuum of Care and received \$4.95 million in funding. In both of these efforts, IHFA served as the State sponsor for local project applicants and ICHHI facilitated the development of the statewide Continuum of Care and prepared the State application for the McKinney Act funding.

This past June, ICHHI prepared Indiana's third Continuum of Care and McKinney Act grant application on behalf of IHFA. We anticipate receiving news regarding HUD's funding decision for this application sometime within the next few months.

ICHHI's current proposal is in response to feedback received from the Indianapolis HUD office concerning the importance of establishing year-round planning and implementation. The organization proposes to serve as the primary contact for Continuum of Care activities throughout the next 24 months. Staff recommends awarding HOME administrative funds for an 18-month period, which will include year-round oversight and implementation of this plan as well as preparation of the State's 2001 and 2002 McKinney Act applications.